



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director
Austin Transportation Department

DATE: June 9, 2014

SUBJECT: CAMPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Meeting Agenda

The Transportation Policy Board will meet on Monday, June 9, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 3.102 of the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center, located on the University of Texas campus at 2405 Robert Dedman Drive, for their regular meeting. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) staff has prepared an agenda packet ([Agenda](#)).

Of all the agenda items for the regular TPB meeting, the following are of greatest importance to the City:

- **Action Item 5, Consider and take appropriate action on the projects included in the regional and sub-regional scenarios for use in modeling the two scenarios as part of the 2040 Plan development process.**

CAMPO staff has sorted the Comprehensive List of Projects for the 2040 Plan scenario development into various categories for the Regional Scenario and Sub-Regional Scenario plan development. A majority of TAC members, and CAMPO staff, recommend endorsement of the project lists for scenario development.

Both Regional and Sub-Regional Scenarios will include these project lists: Existing & Committed, 100% Locally Funded, and Grouped Projects (if they can be modeled). Illustrative List projects, if sufficient information is provided, will be included in the appropriate scenario. Ineligible Projects will not be included in either Scenario, as they are deemed ineligible for federal funding. CAMPO proposes modeling the Regional and Sub-Regional Scenarios, and following approval by the Board, to seek public input on the project included in each Scenario to inform development of a Preferred Scenario. Fiscal constraint will be applied to the Preferred Scenario, not the Regional and Sub-Regional Scenarios.

Note – CAMPO provided Late Back-up and Corrections the afternoon of June 6th. The requested “Existing and Committed Projects” list is now included as Attachment L. This lists the projects with an opening date in the E+C time period, 2015 to 2020. These projects will be included in modeling for both the Regional and Sub-Regional Scenarios.

City of Austin Recommendation:

City staff generally concurs with the TAC and CAMPO staff recommendation to endorse the project lists, with some exceptions.

The following table describes projects contradictory to Imagine Austin policy, and/or City Council established policy regarding specific projects (**Refer to Map 1**).

BUDA49 – SH 45 (Page 1, Projects Eligible for Regional Scenario, Attachment A)	This project includes the “Engineering, ROW, utilities, construct new 4-lane tollway or MAD-6” from FM 1626 to IH 35. The project costs need to be revisited for accuracy as it includes construction for a tollway in 2030 at \$15.7 million. The project is not included in the CAMPO 2035 Plan beyond the environmental study phase.
BUDA18 - Garlic Creek Dr. (Page 5, 100% Locally Funded Projects, Attachment D)	City staff worked with Travis and Hays Counties to seek alternatives to the originally proposed project, and Hays County subsequently withdrew its request for a larger road. The Buda request for this new roadway is now described as a “4-lane divided” arterial rather than a limited-access parkway.
CT08 – SH 45 SW (Page 5, Existing and Committed Projects, Attachment L)	City Council has reaffirmed opposition to this project by resolution and directed staff to perform a 90-day analysis of transportation and environmental issues. This is SH 45 SW, Loop 1 S. to FM 1626, a 4-lane controlled access facility to be included in the CAMPO 2040 Plan as an Existing and Committed project. Project letting year is 2015.
HAYS075 - NF 13/Escarpment Blvd. (Page 7, 100% Locally Funded Projects, Attachment D)	City staff worked with Travis and Hays Counties on a reasonable compromise to realign the proposed Escarpment extension to connect with FM 1826. In doing so, this roadway is no longer an extension of Escarpment Blvd. from its termination point but it would still traverse through the City’s Water Quality Protection Lands and/or Conservation Easements. This is contrary to City Manager message conveyed to Hays County.
HAYS145 – FM 1626 (Page 1, Illustrative List Projects, Attachment E)	Hays County proposed this project to construct FM 1626 as a 6-lane expressway from the proposed SH 45 SW to IH 35. This is near and parallel to BUDA49 (above), the extension of SH 45 SW from FM 1626 to IH 35, duplicative of purpose and function, thus placing two tollways/expressways as potential extensions of SH 45 SW to complete a connection to IH 35.
LW01 – Proposed Elevated Toll Road (Page 1, Illustrative List Projects, Attachment E)	The City of Lakeway proposed this project as a “6-lane toll road with grade separated bike lanes” to extend from RM 620 South of RM 2222 to SH 45 and FM 1826. This would essentially create the western extension of the 1984 Outer Loop. Additionally, this proposed roadway would traverse through <u>many</u> existing subdivisions in the City and County, require a new western bridge over Lake Austin, traverse Water Quality Protection Lands, areas designated in the Habitat Conservation Plan, and areas designated in the City’s Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan. Based on the “illustrative concept” grade separated interchanges with the “6-lane toll road” would be needed at: US 290 W./Circle Drive, SH 71 W., RM 2244, RM 620/RM 2222. (Refer to Map 2)

	The entire proposal is well outside the City of Lakeway, approximately 3 miles to the east of the City limits of Lakeway at the nearest point. The majority of the concept is in Austin’s ETJ, Bee Cave’s ETJ, and Travis County jurisdiction. The northern segment near RM 620 is in the full purpose City limits of Austin, WQPL, and Balcones Canyonlands Plan.
BUDA48 – SH 45 (Page 1, Grouped Projects, Attachment F)	This project includes the “environmental and preliminary engineering analysis for a new freeway” from FM 1626 to IH 35. This is considered a Study in the current CAMPO 2035 Plan.

For transparency, and to assure the Board and citizens complete information of the projects for consideration in the Regional and Sub-Regional Scenarios and advancement to the Preferred Scenario, it is necessary to show the first five years of the funded/committed projects that will be part of the CAMPO 2040 Plan.

Otherwise, City staff generally concurs with the TAC and CAMPO staff recommendation to endorse the remaining project lists.

▪ **Action Item 6, Consider and take appropriate action on the timeline for the FYs 2015-2019 STP-MM Call for Projects**

This item considers several concerns that were raised during the May TAC meeting by member jurisdictions regarding the timeline for the FYs 2015-2019 STP-MM call for projects. Jurisdictions have conveyed concerns subsequently to CAMPO Chair and Board Members. The concerns mainly involve the short, 3-week turnaround of a June 20th deadline and the ability to submit solid, competitive projects to be considered for funding. Particularly, a well, thought-out process should allow enough time for member jurisdictions to appropriately contemplate their project needs, the project call requirements and application to determine suitability for application to CAMPO, and subsequently, present a final list of projects to their governing bodies for endorsement.

City of Austin Recommendation: City staff concurs with other TAC members that the submission timeline is too short. The TAC agreed to direct the TAC Chair to contact the CAMPO Board Chair to convey the problem, and this has occurred. As FY 2015 contains only \$1,128,750 in letting capacity, and a process has been developed to meet CAMPO TIP amendment deadlines at the October CAMPO Board meeting, City staff believes a reconsideration of the timeline is appropriate.

City staff recommends that the deadline be extended at least a month in order for City staff to properly vet several transportation needs before City Council on June 12th, and allow adequate time beyond 2 to 3 weeks to submit complete and competitive responses to the project call.

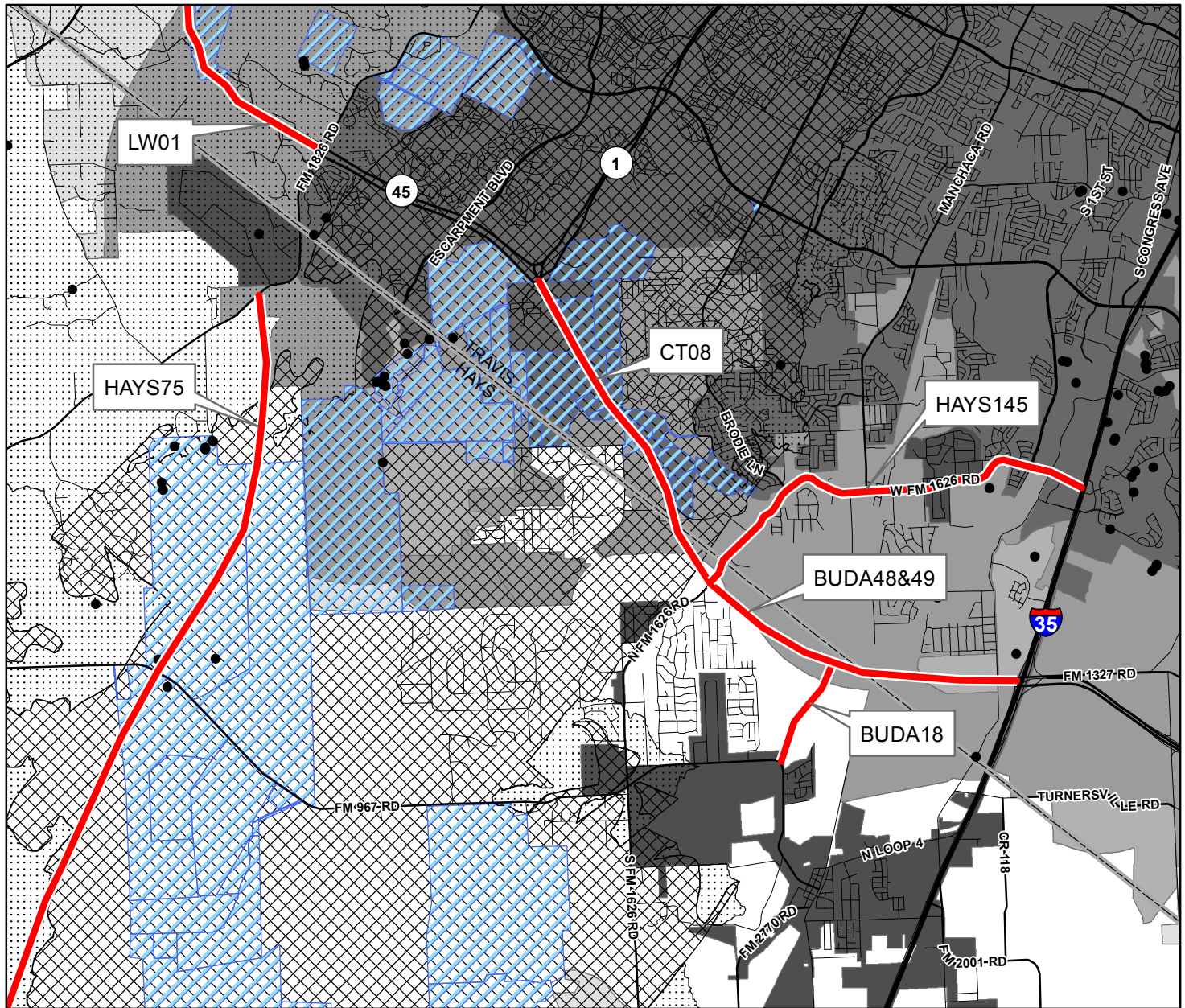
City staff will attend the Transportation Policy Board meeting. If your office has additional questions related to the agenda or would like an individual briefing prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Gordon Derr at 974-7228.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

cc: W. Gordon Derr
Council Executive Assistants

Land Status and Selected CAMPO Comprehensive Project List Proposals, June 2014

Map 1



Legend

- Springs
- WQPL & BCP Boundaries
- Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone
- Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone
- 2 mile ETJ
- 5 mile ETJ
- Full Purpose City of Austin
- Limited Purpose
- Other City Limits



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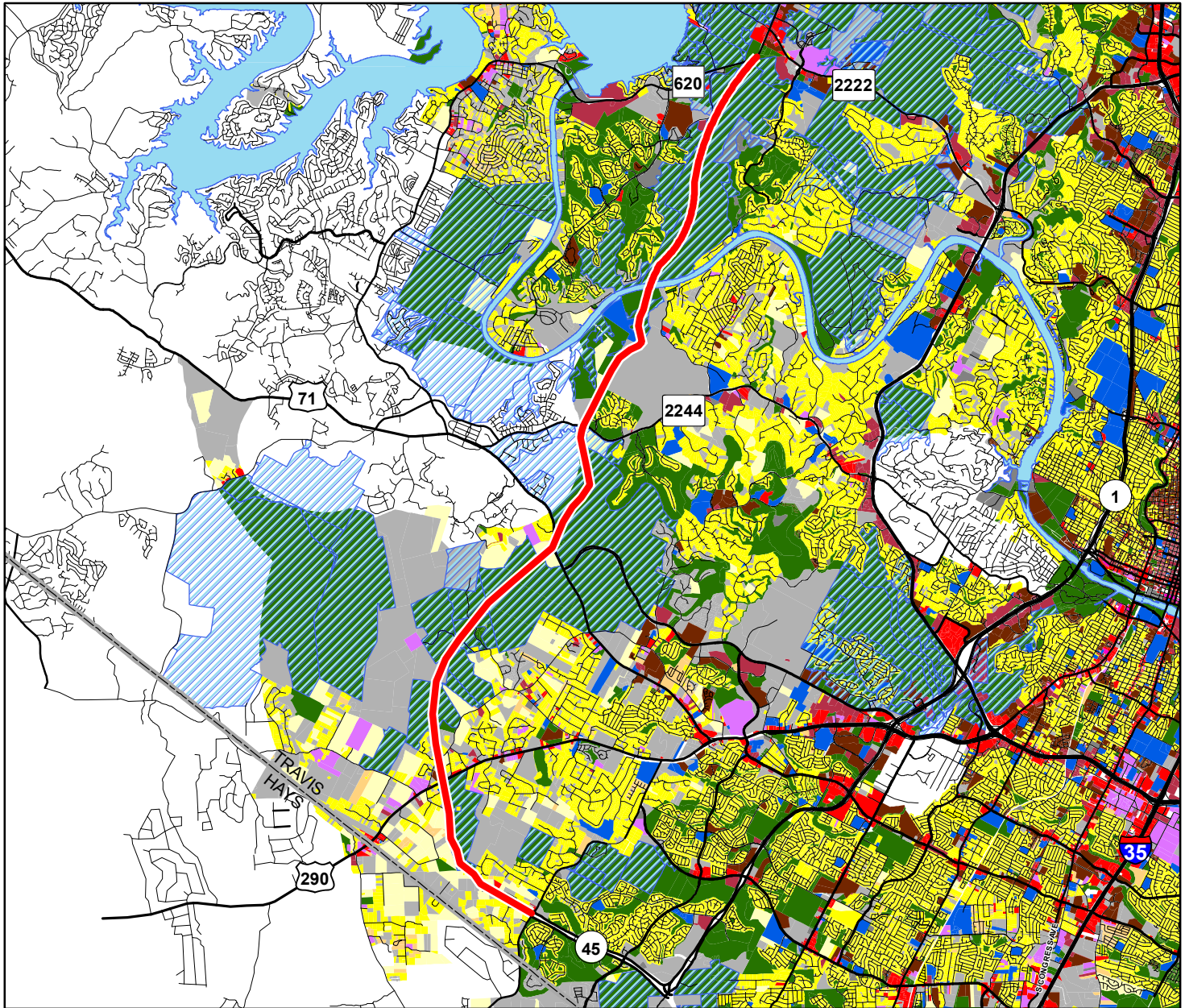
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Lakeway Project LW01 and existing City of Austin Land Use June 2014

Map 2



Legend

WQPL & BCP Boundaries	Industrial	Multi-family	Single Family
2012 General Land Use	Large-lot Single Family	Office	Undeveloped
Civic	Mixed Use	Open Space	Utilities
Commercial	Mobile Homes	Resource Extraction	Water

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